

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) An image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~ including a plurality of elements, the image processing device ~~apparatus~~ comprising:

a program storing section ~~[[for]]~~ storing a first program that controls ~~for controlling~~ basic operations of said image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~ so that basic operations of the image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~ are executed by controlling elements of the image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~ via the first program, and a second program that is a subroutine and is accessed in said first program so as to control an additional operation of said image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~ so that the second program controls the additional operation that is different than the basic operations controlled by the first program, wherein the second program ~~is becomes~~ available via elements of the image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~ that ~~[[can]]~~ executes the basic operations via the first program;

a control section ~~[[for]]~~ implementing ~~a desired~~ an operation by executing only said first program, or both said first and second programs; ~~[[and]]~~

a system managing section that, in response to a releasing key operation that renders the additional operation implementable, makes said second program permanently accessible in said first program, and wherein said first program is accessible and operable both before and after the releasing key operation so that one releasing key operation makes the second program permanently accessible following said one releasing key operation, and wherein the second program is a subroutine of the first program; and

wherein the image processing device is an image forming apparatus, a combination of the image forming apparatus and a peripheral device realizes an image forming system, wherein the first program is a program that controls the image forming apparatus and the second program is a program that controls the peripheral device that works with the image forming apparatus.

2. (Currently amended) The image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~ as set forth in claim 1, wherein said releasing key is produced using at least information peculiar to said apparatus.

3. (Currently amended) The image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~ as set forth in claim 1, wherein:

said image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~ is connected with a managing side via a wide-area network; and

the releasing key operation is carried out by the managing side by remote control.

4. (Currently amended) The image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~ as set forth in claim 1, wherein:

said program storing section stores a plurality of second programs; and

with respect to a certain combination of said second programs, said system managing section renders said second programs implementable by only one releasing-key operation.

5. (Currently amended) An image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~ comprising:
a program storing section for storing a first program that controls ~~for controlling~~ basic operations of said image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~ so that basic operations of the image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~ are executed by controlling elements of the apparatus via the first program, and a second program that cooperates with at least a part of said first program so as to implement an additional operation of said image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~, wherein the second program is a subroutine of the first program wherein the second program controls at least one additional operation that is different than the basic operations controlled by the first program, wherein the second program is ~~becomes~~ available via elements of the image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~ that ~~[[can]]~~ executes the basic operations via the first program;

a system managing section that, in response to a releasing key operation that renders the additional operation implementable, makes said second program permanently accessible, the first program being accessible prior to the releasing key operation; ~~[[and]]~~

wherein said releasing key operation determines whether the release key information matches release key information stored in memory and if so then making the second program permanently accessible so that one releasing key operation makes the second program permanently accessible following said one releasing key operation; and

wherein the image processing device is an image forming apparatus, a combination of the image forming apparatus and a peripheral device realizes an image forming system, wherein the first program is a program that controls the image forming apparatus and the second program is a program that controls the peripheral device that works with the image forming apparatus.

6. (Currently amended) The image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~ as set forth in claim 5, wherein said releasing key is produced using at least information peculiar to said apparatus.

7. (Currently amended) The image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~ as set forth in claim 5, wherein:

said image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~ is connected with a managing side via a wide-area network; and

the releasing key operation is carried out by the managing side by remote control.

8. (Currently amended) The image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~ as set forth in claim 5, wherein:

said program storing section stores a plurality of second programs; and

with respect to a certain combination of said second programs, said system managing section renders said second programs implementable by only one releasing-key operation.

9. (Currently amended) A management system for managing an image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~, said image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~ including:

a program storing section for storing a first program that controls ~~for controlling~~ basic operations of said image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~ so that basic operations of the image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~ are executed by controlling elements of the apparatus via the first program, and a second program that is accessible in said first program and controls an additional operation of said image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~, wherein

the second program is a subroutine of the first program wherein the second program controls at least one additional operation that is different than the basic operations controlled by the first program, wherein the second program ~~is becomes~~ available via elements of the image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~ that ~~[[can]]~~ executes the basic operations via the first program;

a control section for implementing ~~a desired~~ an operation by executing only said first program, or both said first and second programs; and

a system managing section that, in response to a releasing key operation, makes said second program permanently accessible by said first program,

said management system comprising a key issuing section on a managing side, said key issuing section issuing said releasing key upon confirming that a predetermined procedure has been conducted by a user side so that one releasing key operation makes the second program permanently accessible following said one releasing key operation, and wherein said first program is accessible and operable both before and after the releasing key operation; and

wherein the image processing device is an image forming apparatus, a combination of the image forming apparatus and a peripheral device realizes an image forming system, wherein the first program is a program that controls the image forming apparatus and the second program is a program that controls the peripheral device that works with the image forming apparatus.

10. (Original) The management system as set forth in claim 9, wherein said releasing key is produced using at least information peculiar to said apparatus.

11. (Currently amended) The image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~ as set forth in claim 9, wherein:

said image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~ is connected with a managing side via a wide-area network; and

said key issuing section carries out the releasing key operation of said system managing section by remote control.

12. (Original) The management system as set forth in claim 9, wherein, on said managing side, said key issuing section issues said releasing key in response to entrance into a use contract or payment of a use fee.

13. (Original) The management system as set forth in claim 9, wherein history information relating to said issuance of a releasing key is managed by said managing side.

14. (Original) The management system as set forth in claim 9, wherein:
said program storing section stores a plurality of second programs; and
with respect to a certain combination of said second programs, said system managing section renders said second programs implementable by only one releasing-key operation.

15. (Currently amended) A management system for managing an image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~, said image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~ including:
a program storing section for storing a first program that controls ~~for controlling~~ basic operations of said image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~ so that basic operations of the image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~ are executed by controlling elements of the apparatus via the first program, and a second program that cooperates with at least a part of said

first program so as to implement an additional operation of said image processing device
~~electronic apparatus~~, wherein the second program is a subroutine of the first program wherein
the second program controls at least one additional operation that is different than the basic
operations controlled by the first program, wherein the second program is ~~becomes~~ available via
elements of the image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~ that ~~[[can]]~~ executes the basic
operations via the first program; and

a system managing section that, in response to a releasing key operation, makes said
second program permanently accessible, so that one releasing key operation makes the second
program permanently accessible following said one releasing key operation,

said management system comprising a key issuing section on a managing side, said key
issuing section issuing said releasing key upon confirming that a predetermined procedure has
been conducted by a user side, and wherein said first program is accessible and operable both
before and after the releasing key operation; and

wherein the image processing device is an image forming apparatus, a combination of the
image forming apparatus and a peripheral device realizes an image forming system, wherein the
first program is a program that controls the image forming apparatus and the second program is a
program that controls the peripheral device that works with the image forming apparatus.

16. (Currently amended) The management system as set forth in claim 15, wherein said
releasing key is produced using at least information peculiar to said image processing device
~~electronic apparatus~~.

17. (Currently amended) The management system ~~electronic apparatus~~ as set forth in claim 15, wherein:

said image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~ is connected with a managing side via a wide-area network; and

said key issuing section carries out the releasing key operation of said system managing section by remote control.

18. (Original) The management system as set forth in claim 15, wherein, on said managing side, said key issuing section issues said releasing key in response to entrance into a use contract or payment of a use fee.

19. (Original) The management system as set forth in claim 15, wherein history information relating to said issuance of a releasing key is managed by said managing side.

20. (Original) The management system as set forth in claim 15, wherein:
said program storing section stores a plurality of second programs; and
with respect to a certain combination of said second programs, said system managing section renders said second programs implementable by only one releasing-key operation.

21. (Currently amended) The image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~ of claim 5, wherein said releasing key operation comprises, in response to a request by the image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~, the image processing device ~~electronic apparatus~~ receiving release key information from a service center remote from the image processing device ~~electronic~~

~~apparatus~~ and determining whether the release key information matches release key information stored in memory and if so then making the second program accessible.

22-24. (Canceled)

25. (New) The image processing device of claim 1, wherein the second program includes an additional function pack allowing the an extension of functions of the image processing device to be implemented after shipment of the image processing device.

26. (New) The image processing device of claim 5, wherein the second program includes an additional function pack allowing the an extension of functions of the image processing device to be implemented after shipment of the image processing device.

27. (New) The image processing device of claim 9, wherein the second program includes an additional function pack allowing the an extension of functions of the image processing device to be implemented after shipment of the image processing device.

28. (New) The image processing device of claim 15, wherein the second program includes an additional function pack allowing the an extension of functions of the image processing device to be implemented after shipment of the image processing device.